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THE NEWS.

The military situation is not greatly changed, but is steadily cumulative against the hellish cause of the rebellion. The Richmond press are busily pelting Jeff. Davis with the fragments of Hood's broken army, which stands confessed as the best use to be made of it. The solemn and lank visage of the chief of the rebellion in the light of the present rebel situation may serve the artists as a study of Remorse without hope. There is no change of affairs reported at Savannah, and nothing in the line of positive intelligence from the Great Fleet. In prognostications of its success, stormy Halteras must by no means be left out of the account. A wintry gale off the capes would be what no power of man could cope with. Escaping this, we look upon the mission of our fleet as a sure one.

A Cleveland dispatch briefly refers to a lamentable accident on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad, yesterday, attended with a large and melancholy casualty list. On the Michigan Southern, also, at Osseo Station, 183 miles from this city, a passenger train ran off the track, on Thursday night, killing two persons and wounding others.

Apparently, and very properly if culpability be found attached to their act, the newspapers caught in the supercreditable enterprise of furnishing the rebels early and full particulars of the great naval movement, are to be severely dealt with. Even the truth is not to be told at all times.

The Canadian question bids fair to work itself clear. We like the frequent hint conveyed in the growl of the Toronto *Leader* that hiding rebels are under strict Government surveillance. The Provincials are also making thorough military preparations to watch their border. Doing this they save us that trouble, though it is a work we cannot wholly neglect, be their preparations what they may.

The Great Northwestern Freedmen's Fair opens to-day. Remember the unfortunates whom it is the beneficent purpose of this great national work to succor and save. Help with your presence and your means, and the latter you may do, not unnoticed with selfish considerations, for the bazaar is most attractive, and the sales very large.

It will be seen by our Washington dispatch that Secretary Fessenden has decided to withdraw the 10-40 loan from the market at the end of the year. This action on the part of the Secretary, we are sure, will prove highly satisfactory to the people, and beneficial to the Treasury Department. The 7-30 Treasury notes will then be the only securities offered for sale by the Government, and we anticipate an animated bidding for them.

A certain class of knavish fellows have done a profitable business by enlisting to receive a bounty, or as substitutes, and then deserting with the money in hand, to repeat the process and the profits. To such an extent had this nefarious business been carried, that in places are not wanting where a camp has successfully jumped sixteen bounties, by skillfully separating far apart his theatres of operation. The lesson taught the patriotism of Indianapolis will be salutary. At a court martial recently convened there, Charles Billingly, John Murray, Thomas Ryan and Thomas Denham were found guilty of desertion and bounty jumping, and sentenced to be shot. It will be seen by our dispatch that the sentence was yesterday carried into effect at Camp Burnside, near that city, on the first three. The fourth has been respited by the President for ten days. This summary punishment will impart a wholesome awe in the wretches prone to such misdeeds.

Theodore Tilton.

Mr. Tilton has received a number of invitations from friends of the Freedmen's Aid Commission to speak in towns and cities in this and neighboring States, the most of which he is obliged to decline.

He has accepted, since our last notice, invitations from the places named below, and will speak

At Rockford, on Monday evening, Dec. 26.
Dubuque, Tuesday, Dec. 27.
St. Louis, Saturday, Dec. 31.
Alton, Monday, Jan. 2.
St. Louis, Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The local friends of these localities may count themselves fortunate in the opportunity to hear loyal words that breathe and burn from lips that already command the audience of the wisest statesmen in the land. Let the engagements be complete and the houses crowded. Dispatches and communications for Mr. Tilton, during his stay in that field, should be addressed to Rev. J. R. Shipherd, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Commission, 86 Washington street, Chicago.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Friday, Dec. 23.

A few days since Frederick Heidelberg, a soldier, was indicted, at the instigation of some Copperheads, by the Grand Jury of the county of Monroe county, on the charge of bringing a colored man into the State contrary to the black statute. The trial took place before the notorious Judge Pinckney, and the prisoner was found guilty, sentenced to one hour in the county jail and one hundred dollars fine. He was also held for rendition, without the usual recommendation of Judge and Jury, the Governor pardoned Heidelberg, upon his own recognizance, and he returned to Hon. Jackson Grimshaw, of Adams county, for examination.

The notorious Dr. Bassett, of Vandalia, has left that part of the country for parts unknown, since the arrest of the conspirators at Chicago. He is reported to have been implicated in that matter, and to have left for fear of being arrested. Some of those in Fayette county whom he left behind are that ilk of ever shows himself again in their neighborhood, they will still have a job.

The Copperheads in that region profess to be very loyal men. Some of them say they are in favor of handling everybody, and putting down the rebellion forthwith.

Mr. Beveridge, the new Treasurer, is here, and is attending to the duties of the office.

The remains of Lieut. Col. John M. Hurts, of the 39th regiment, who died at Little Rock, Ark., on the 10th inst., passed through this city yesterday, in charge of Capt. Hurts, his nephew, for Athens, Menard county, his late residence.

FROM NASHVILLE.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
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FROM DES MOINES.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
DES MOINES, Iowa, Friday, Dec. 23.

The Supreme Court adjourned to-day. Ninety opinions have been rendered, and filed during the term. An opinion was delivered by Justice Dillon this morning, in the case of Wasson against the Board of Supervisors of Polk county, affirming the validity of the bonds, holding that the members of the Board of Supervisors are liable for exercising a discretion improperly in approving official bonds, and that they are not exempt in damages to party injured by their carelessness in approving of a bond not signed by the statutory requisites.

From New Orleans.

NEW YORK, Friday, Dec. 23.—The steamer T. A. Scott, from New Orleans, 13th inst., has arrived. Her passengers are Colo. Sherman, Baker and Gibbons, and Capts. Nicholson, Loring and Allen.

FROM THE THIRTY-SIXTH ILLINOIS INFANTRY.—Major L. P. Holden, of the 36th regiment, now commanding the 58th regiment at Pulaski, Tenn., writing under date of the 13th inst., from that place, says:

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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

The Military Situation.

THE GREAT FLEET RUMORED AT WORK YESTERDAY.

Highly Important from The Rebel Press.

HOW THEY LIKE THE ASPECT OF AFFAIRS.

News from Nashville and Below --Thomas Still Moving On.

Sherman Quiet at Savannah and Making Ready.

Highly Important from Davidson's Expedition--He is Moving on Mobile.

FROM CLEVELAND---MELANCHOLY RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

The Canada Question--Encouraging View of Our Relations.

FROM WASHINGTON--INTERESTING MILITARY AND GENERAL NEWS.

EXECUTION OF FOUR BOUNTY-JUMPERS AT INDIANAPOLIS YESTERDAY.

OUR NEW YORK MIDNIGHT DISPATCH---MILITARY NEWS---THE CANADIAN ASPECT---NEW YORK ITEMS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Highly Interesting Military and General News Summary.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 23.

Instructions have been forwarded to the several National Depositaries not to receive subscriptions to the 10-40 loan after the 31st instant.

The War and Navy Departments are determined to ferret out and bring to punishment the authors of the premature and highly reprehensible publication of the details of Gen. Butler's expedition. Up to one o'clock to-day no result had been reached. The Wilmington movement had been received, either by the War or Navy Department. The telegraph line to City Point is broken at Jamestown.

The first boat-load of exchanged prisoners arrived at Annapolis to-day, from Richmond. Several deaths occurred on the passage. There were about 500 in all.

The whisky bill which passed Congress a few days ago, up to a late hour to-night had not been signed by the President.

There are over fifty applicants for the vacant French Mission. The President is literally overwhelmed with petitions from all quarters of the country relative to the matter.

The Examining Board to examine into cases of minor special duty in the department here, is now in session. All those ill for duty are to be sent to their regiments in the field immediately. The hospitals are also being weeded of men ill for service.

A slight fire occurred in the War Department to-day, caused by an defective flue in the third story. The fire was extinguished with little damage to the buildings.

A letter from your correspondent in the Shenandoah Valley, dated Dec. 22d, says: Everything is quiet in the Valley. Scouts who have returned from Staunton report the rebel force in the Valley is less than 5,000 men, half of whom are cavalry.

A sad accident occurred at Winchester a few days ago, through the falling of a building, formerly used as a rebel hospital. Five men of the 8th New York cavalry were instantly killed, ten more injured, five fatally it is taught.

On Wednesday a party of one hundred cavalry men, belonging principally to the 14th Pennsylvania regiment, were ambuscaded near Middleton by Mosby's gang, and all but fourteen either killed, wounded or captured.

NEW YORK, Friday, Dec. 23.—The Washington dispatches of last evening says: The Government is informed that Breckinridge is flying before Stoneman and Burbridge, who are pressing on his rear and flank.

A letter from the army of the Potomac, dated yesterday, says that quite a number of deserters from the rebel lines came in on Monday, coming by way of Petersburg. They report that Lee's army is in a starving condition, and that the desertions are very large.

The Richmond *Dispatch* says that the enemy's cavalry are now in full force on the Peninsula, and that the Yankees are pushing up the James river.

Quiet also reigns at Petersburg. However the Yankees are spiteful and rarely permit a day to pass without treating us to a cannonade. On Monday evening they shelled our left, near Appatomax, vigorously for two hours. On this occasion we are glad to learn that no casualties occurred among our men.

The *Dispatch* states that a member of the rebel Legislature has received a telegram from Southwestern Virginia, to the effect that on Sunday last Gen. Breckinridge's force marched out from Saltville and attacked Burbridge at Glade Springs, and gained a decided success, but that he remained the attack on Monday, compelling the Federal forces to retreat precipitately toward East Tennessee. The report, however, says the *Dispatch*, lacks confirmation.

The *Express* of the 21st says: Butler's expedition is the new sensation in Yankeedom. The great expedition which sailed from Hampton Roads last week under command of Admiral Porter and Gen. Butler.

A dispatch from Dublin, last night, states that fighting had been going on near Bloody Run for two days. The rail works at Saltville were supposed to be safe that far.

Referring to Savannah, the *Examiner* of the same date says: Official dispatches relating to the position of the troops were received from that city yesterday.

Concerning the recent battle before Nashville the *Examiner* has the following: It appears from telegraphic reports of Governor Harris, of Tennessee, that Gen. Hood's failure to achieve a complete victory at Franklin, was attributed by his inability to use artillery on account of the presence of the women and children in the town. Whilst his cavalry were pursuing grape and canister into the rear of the guard cracked on to the

[illegible] were forced to be idle spectators of the carnage for fear of killing non-combatants beyond the enemy's front. Gen. Hood, it is said, massed a column one hundred pieces of artillery during the night to open on the enemy at daylight, expecting the removal of the non-combatants before day, but whilst the massing was in progress the discomfited Yankees stole off toward Nashville, and no the cannon was not used at all.

The *Examiner* in the following significant editorial, forewarns the confederates of Tennessee, and of the rebel army generally: "The news from Tennessee is bad. The situation is bad, but it is far from being irredeemable. The army in Tennessee has been terribly misused, and has suffered awful injury, but it is not lost, and may be restored to full efficiency by the same hand which redeemed it after the battle of Missionary Ridge; but to change the fortunes of the country, the Executive and the Legislature must change their character, and abandon the road to ruin hitherto so unfortunately pursued by both. The opening of this campaign found our best men in real command, and in the two principal positions, Lee in Virginia, and Johnston in Georgia. The military condition of this country was never so prosperous as it was at midsummer, for those two men had so done their work, that it was then morally certain that the last supreme effort of the enemy was going to fail; and had it failed, it is impossible to doubt that this year would have been the last year of the war. The unexpected and inconsequent freak of the executive, and the removal of Johnston, permitted in absence by the country, has produced fruits such as inconsequent folly and subservience never produced before. Though great evils might have been and were apprehended at the time, the results have so much surpassed expectations that they assumed the appearance of a judgment. But let the past go. The best remedy for the present evil is simply to stop the courses which caused them. Let the executive cease to interfere with the armies; send Johnston to the wreck of that army which he surrendered to Hood in such unqualified conditions, give him carte blanche to do what he thinks proper for its salvation and the defence of the country, and a guarantee that neither his commission nor his plans will be any more meddled with. Give to Beauregard complete direction of action on the coast. Give to Lee his whole army, and full power in Virginia, and prosperity will return; good fortune will again befall the cause of the South, and the great dangers which menace the Confederacy will vanish like the clouds of the last rain. But if good sense, modesty and justice will not actuate the Executive, let Congress and the people do it, and public opinion its rights. The nation will suffer just punishment whenever they entrust power to puny hands, puff up the conceit and encourage the passions of the rulers by fulsome flattery and silent submission. We have done so. The affairs of the Government are manifest to all; but if any one pays their cost, supposes opposition, or even a remonstrance, the amiable Ralph will cry out, 'Hush! oh! hush! hush! We can't get rid of him, and he will do this and all the more if he is opposed. Don't say anything.'"

We must have concord and unanimity and there must be no opposition to the government. Therefore the only voice which is heard at all is the voice of flatterers, the voice of those who have neither head nor heart, neither knowledge nor principle. Hence the Executive is encouraged to pursue his fancies, and although every military misfortune of this country is palpably and confessedly due to the pernicious interference of Mr. Davis, the Legislature continues at each session to let his subservient tool and furnish new incentives to perversity, and new means of mischief. It will not be sufficient for the Executive to have a lucid interval. Congress and the Southern people must change their attitude and adopt a more distinct and manly tone, and deal with their own affairs with more energy, and keep the executive in the path of duty, and curb him with a perpetual restriction when he betrays symptoms of going beyond his capacity. Great adversity has fallen upon us, but the resources of the Southern States are not broken. Their patience are capacities still. In no sense is the breach irreparable. Of all extreme dangers there is not one which cannot, and will not, be successfully met, but a greater danger is with folly bolstered with the forms of flattery and encouraged by folly. No calamity which has happened in its itself ruinous; but what will ruin us is this, that the Government should go on to do as it is doing now, in the identical acts which have made calamity by the necessary sequence of cause and effect.

The more harmony and the more concord and the more self-abnegation we evince under such circumstances, the more rapid is our progress to destruction. Let us determine that the course of the ship shall be altered. With that determination will be found the means to compel the change.

The Richmond *Whig* of the 21st contains the following intelligence, under date of Meridian, Miss., Dec. 19th: "Authentic information has been received of the capture of Gen. Davidson's raiding column from Baton Rouge passed through Augusta, Berry Co., Miss., yesterday, for Mobile. Scott and others are in the right place. Whatever work is expected on Monday or Tuesday next."

The same paper, in reference to the appearance of the fleet off New Inlet, N. C., says: "This forenadowns warm work."

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 23.—The *World* has by telegraph from Washington the following extracts from the Richmond papers of the 21st:

The Richmond *Sentinel* says: It is rumored that the Yankees have removed all their guns from Plymouth and evacuated the place. They have not occupied Washington."

Advices from Charleston yesterday state that it was well and generally known. The same day. Since the thundering Yankee salute on Sunday morning, quiet has prevailed along the lines of Grahte army.

The *Examiner* says: There is no official confirmation of the defeat of Burbridge by Breckinridge, at Saltville, but many persons profess to know it is well founded.

The *Despatch* says that they are likely to be dependent upon the Yankee press for news from Tennessee. Unofficial telegrams from Lincoln state that they have 5,000 prisoners and forty-nine pieces of cannon, taken from Hood in the battles of the 15th and 16th. We have not the slightest reliance on these statements. It is noticeable that Thomas sends no telegram on the 17th, and that the unofficial telegram says nothing of Hood's escape, and does not tell us where Hood is. It is not impossible that matters have taken a turn as once unexpected and unpleasant to Thomas, on the 16th, according to his own account, was driving an army down the Columbia turnpike at once. Perhaps General Forrest, with his splendid cavalry has turned up in the right place, and has put a stiffen chance upon the speed of Hood. He has had abundant time to get into the forties of Hood, even though the 5,000 prisoners and forty-nine pieces of cannon, taken from Hood in the battles of the 15th and 16th, were not all Confederate. We discredit

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1864.

THE JOLIET PENITENTIARY.

We have exposed some of the features of the Joliet Penitentiary to S. A. Buckmaster & Co., assignees of James M. Pittman & Co. We intend now to show how the people have been robbed by the contractors in the erection of the Penitentiary buildings. During our history as a State we presume there has been nothing so barefaced and monstrous in the swindling line as the prices charged and received by the contractors for the work actually performed. To comprehend the *modus operandi*, it is necessary to explain at the outset the system of "lapping over" by which the work is kept in the hands of the leasees of the Penitentiary, and out of the reach of honest competition. It is as follows: The contractors furnish the Commissioners an estimate of the amount necessary to "entirely complete" the Penitentiary. The Commissioners present the estimate to the Auditor of Public Accounts. The Legislature makes the necessary appropriation. The contractors expend the money and one or two hundred thousand dollars more, and then call upon the Legislature to reimburse them and make another appropriation to "entirely complete" the Penitentiary, and so on. This is called "keeping the ball in motion." The ball has been kept in motion a number of years, and is still rolling with great velocity. The lapping-over system will be best shown by a reference to the reports of the Commissioners for 1863 and 1863. The report for 1862 says:

The appropriations made for the construction of the new Penitentiary are as follows:

At the session of 1857	$75,000.00
Alien property (sold for)	60,000.00
At the session of 1861	200,000.00
At the session of 1861	205,003.43
Same time, for contractors' drafts	79,410.49
	$619,503.94

Of which there has been expended up to the present time, as follows:

Alien property	$60,000.00
Contractors' drafts	79,410.49
Cash	425,841.04
	$565,251.53

Leaving a balance of $75,252.41
Yet unexpended.

The appropriations for 1859 and '60 having been exhausted, and the work still being in an insecure and unsafe condition, the former Board of Commissioners, with the advice and consent of the State officers, authorized the contractors to continue the work, and to expend on the south wall such work to the amount of $79,315.05, payable only when the Legislature should make an appropriation for that purpose.

The Legislature having made an appropriation to pay these contractors, and having also made the first acts of this board, was the canceling of those drafts, which, with contractors' receipts for the same, are on file in your office.

The report for 1863 says:

The contractors were wholly unable to continue the work, and during the indebtedness, occasioned thereby, exacted and received from them by commissioners. After consultation with the State officers, and in full view of the pressing necessities of the case, the commissioners determined to proceed with the work; paying to the contractors, as speedily, justly and economically as the state of the appropriation, and issuing the commissioners' acceptances for the balance due them, payable whenever the Legislature should make an appropriation for that purpose. They felt the more warranted in pursuing this course, as it was the one adopted by their predecessors under similar circumstances, and which had been indorsed by the last Legislature in passing the appropriation to pay the indebtedness thus incurred.

Under the arrangement above stated, there has been expended, since the date of our last report, the following sums, to-wit:

Of our last report	$ 12,281.92
Commissioners' warrants	677,208.98
Previous expenditures	565,051.50
Total amount expended to date	$754,790.90

The following is a carefully prepared estimate of the sum necessary required *to complete the entire work*:

Warden's house, amount to complete	$ 19,768.00
West wing,	30,327.00
Main wall, "	5,840.00
Additional shop, "	9,674.00
Boiler house, "	7,356.00
Heating and lighting, am't to complete	18,485.00
Water, amount to complete	5,375.00
Furniture	25,000.00
Grading and paving	20,000.00
Contingent expenses	14,000.00
Total amount to complete	$177,955.00

The amount which the contractors were so good as to advance the State in the former case was, only $79,310.46; in the latter it was $116,388.08. The total amount expended up to the 1st of January, 1863, was $754,720.90, and the additional amount estimated to be necessary "to complete the entire work" was $177,955.00, or $932,675.90. Thus the faithful Legislature made the appropriation to pay the deficiency of $116,388.08, and the additional amount of $177,955.00 to "complete the entire work," and the process went on. All the money has been expended, and the contractors are only waiting the meeting of the Legislature to bring in another large deficiency bill, flanked by another large estimate to "complete the entire work."

We do not say that there is necessarily anything improper in an under estimate of the amount necessary to complete the Penitentiary, nor in the fact that the contractors advanced money for the deficiency and the commissioners approved of its expenditure. Such things happen almost invariably in the construction of extensive public buildings. There is less reason why it should happen in the case under consideration than in ordinary cases, because the Penitentiary is built mainly by unpaid prison labor, and is situated on a stone quarry which the State furnishes to the contractors at a nominal rent. Taken by itself, the circumstance would not be amazing. Viewed by the light of the bills rendered to the State for "work done and materials furnished" up to the 1st Jan., 1863, we submit that it ceases to be at all remarkable. We ask the reader to look at the following items in this bill, as compared with the cost of similar work in Chicago at the same time, bearing in mind that the work at Joliet is done by prison labor, at no cost for material or transportation, while the wages of stone masons in Chicago at that time was two dollars per day, and of laborers one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, and that the stone used here was bought at Joliet, transported from Joliet to Chicago, and hauled by teams from the dock to the place of building:

ITEMS.

	Prices charged Penitentiary.	Prices at Chicago.
21 cords rubble work, extra foundation	$14.00	$10.00
263 ft rock faced ashlar	" ft 45	30
1,275 ft limb band work	" 100	40
473,764 brick in partitions, &c	10.00	6.00
278,093 " in arches	17.00	6.00
15,760 cubic feet roofing	15	10
54,550 brick around boilers	10.00	6.00
16,884 brick	10.00	6.00
37,685 " in air ducts	15.00	6.00
281 cub ft random range work	6.00	30
1,076 feet flagging in cisterns	40	30
148 cubic yards excavation for cisterns	30	10
199 cubic ft rock excavation	1.20	50
1,027 " " concrete	8	5
18,584 brick in lining	12.00 "	6.00
260 cubic feet grouting	1.00	50

And so on! But that is not the worst. When a contractor undertakes to build a house in Chicago, he makes no charge for excavation. At Joliet the State is charged for excavation in one place, and for filling in another—the same earth being used in both instances. There are a large number of items in the bill of this kind, the excavation being charged at 30 cents per cubic yard, and the filling at 41 per cubic yard. There is also a charge for 10,884 cubic feet of broken stone filling at five cents per foot. The material consists of stone chips, which accumulate in the yards. They were probably in the way of the workmen, and the contractors, not knowing what else to do with them, put them in as "filling." There are also a series of heavy charges for "grading," at 30 cents per cubic yard, which should be investigated. There is a charge of $18,934.62 for "sundry items" and another of $6,580.85 for "incidentals." There are a large number of charges in bulk, not showing the basis upon which they are made, such as "cut stone, $12,026.70;" "flagging, $5,377.60;" "rubble work, $1,404.75;" "iron work, $26,910.90."

Is it any wonder that the appropriations always fail to complete the work? Is it any wonder that a million of dollars have been expended upon it, and that it is still in an unfinished state? Does anybody expect that it ever will be finished so long as those who have it in hand can get their labor and material for next to nothing, and still charge the State three prices for the work? We call upon the Legislature to investigate this business thoroughly, and to apply a remedy. We intend to keep the subject well ventilated, until the people are informed how it happens that they pay twice as much for a stone house built on a stone quarry, with prison labor, as it costs to build the same house forty miles distant, with the labor of honest men.

THE WORLD'S TELEGRAPH—THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

The great world's telegraph, which is to fulfill the Shakespearian prophecy, and "put a girdle round the earth in forty minutes," has been fairly undertaken. The wires were erected as early as March last east from St. Petersburg for more than four thousand miles, or as far as Irkutsk on Lake Baikal, and are rapidly being extended across the remainder of Siberia to the mouth of the Amoor river, to unite with the line about to be extended from Chicago across our northwestern frontier and through British and Russian America via Shering's Strait to the Amoor river, where the electric nerve, whose philosophy was revealed to the world by Franklin and reduced to practical utility by Morse, will bring into a magnetic reunion the New World and the Old. Two routes from Chicago to Shering's Strait have been considered, one of which referred to at large in a secret, mendatory letter from Secretary Seward, which was widely published, lies across the Rocky Mountains and up along the Pacific coast to the straits. While all that Mr. Seward says of this route, viz: that it is not impracticable, may be true, yet certain grave objections lie against it from which another is free. From Puget Sound, in the northern part of Washington Territory, to a point beyond New Archangel, a distance of more than one thousand miles, the route lies along a "stern and rockbound coast," hemmed in between the continuation of the Sierra Nevada range of mountains and the Pacific, or rather the ten thousand deeply indented bays, fiords and inlets which flow between this main land and the islands, which separate it from the Pacific, framing a continuous archipelago. It is easy to perceive that along this narrow, mountainous and indented coast the route would be crooked and difficult. It lies through a country in which there are but four forts or trading stations, and uninhabited save by fierce and hostile Indians.

Along much of this coast and that still farther north, glaciers, land-slides and icebergs are the principal exports, the latter breaking off and moving out into the Northern Pacific ocean, to follow the tidal currents until dissolved in the warmer latitudes. From New Archangel northward, the remaining, 500 to 1,800 miles, the country is substantially destitute of population, timber for poles, and supplies, and will only the erection of such a line would involve the necessity of bringing all these requisites by sea, but its maintenance, and that of the various stations needed along the line, would be exceedingly difficult. To obviate this difficulty, Congress, by the act of July 1st, 1864, chartering the enterprise, has directed the Secretary of the Navy, "to detail for the use of the surveys and soundings along that portion of the Pacific coast, both of America and Asia, where it is proposed to establish said telegraph, one steam or sailing vessel, in his discretion, to assist in surveys and soundings, laying down submerged cable, and in transporting materials connected therewith." The preamble of the act also shows that in Congress the route contemplated lay along the Pacific coast. It states that—

"WHEREAS, The Governments of Russia and Great Britain have granted to Perry MacDonough Collins, a citizen of the United States, the right to construct and maintain a line of electric telegraph through their respective Territories, from the navigable waters of the Amoor river to Behring's Strait *and along the Pacific coast, to the northern boundary of the United States, &c.*"

Whether the charters heretofore granted by the Russian, British and American Governments, confine Collins and his assignees (The Western Union Telegraph Company,) to this Pacific coast route, or whether, if they do so limit them, an amendment would be practicable, we have not yet considered.

That is fair enough. Another and more available route than the above, lies open to this enterprise any person ordinarily well informed may satisfy himself by a glance at the map of the country to be traversed. This would be by the present route to St. Paul, thence in general northwestward through the basin forming the grand tier of lakes—the Lake of the Woods, Lake Winnepeg or Winnepigcos, Deer Lake, Wollaston, Athabasca and Great Slave Lake—to the Mackenzie river, down which to Fort McPherson, thence by the Peel or Rat river to the Porcupine river, down which to the Youcon, and down the Youcon to the Pacific coast. This route possesses the following great advantages: The entire route lies through an, in the line of great natural basins of lakes or rivers stretching in one continuous line from Chicago to Shering's Straits. This region presents nearly as marked a contrast, topographically, to the Rocky Mountain and coast line route as would the valley of the Mississippi and of our own lakes. It is already occupied at brief intervals by stations of the Hudson's Bay Company from our own frontier to Fort McPherson on the Mackenzie river. The necessary labor for the erection, and force for the maintenance and protection of the route, is at hand throughout this entire distance, and through the Russian Possessions, the route via the Amoor river would doubtless be more practicable than for the western line. The basins of all these rivers and lakes are of course wooded, and their waters furnish ready and cheap transportation both during the building and for the subsequent uses of the route. The Indians throughout the route are already friendly towards the Hudson Bay Company. Finally the dense fogs of the Pacific coast, which are so fatal to telegraphic operations, would be unknown to this interior route. Even should the wires be put up by the Pacific route, it may be questionable whether telegraphic communication, which failed through fifteen hundred miles of water, would succeed better through two thousand miles of fog. The temperature of the region in question is not so low, we believe, as that of the Pacific route, but if it were, mere cold is no obstacle to telegraphing. Perhaps it might be shortened and made still more desirable by running up from the Great Slave Lake by the Currant and Turnagain rivers, which here flow eastwardly through the Rocky Mountain range. Following the latter route to Fort Liard, it would thence down the Youcon river to Shering's Strait. This route would possess the same advantages of topography and timber but is less settled.

Russia has already laid her route through a similar tract of country to that here proposed, with success. The latter route is under consideration, and if no technicalities embarrass its adoption, we believe it will be found preferable.

The Opera.

Time was when an operatic audience in Chicago could have been satisfied with anything that had the most distant allusion to opera. They have sat in patience and witnessed operatic murder in the first degree. *Blase* primi donne, who had just fulfilled chorus engagements at New York and Boston, have come here heralded fresh from the conservatoire or the royal opera houses of Europe. Tenors and bassos, who were supernumeraries at the Academy of Music, strutted Chicago boards in all the majesty of leading parts, while choruses and orchestra, manufactured out of home material have bawled and accompanied *ad libitum* and *ad nauseam*. We have had Trovatores in two acts, Martha in three, and Traviata in one. Anything that was foreign was operatic and we sported our lorgnettes and wore fascinating rigolettes, and were doing the opera. We have been humbugged and victimized over and over again, but those days are over. What New York exacts as Chicago exacts—legitimate opera, legitimately performed; and managers are beginning to find that they must produce opera in Chicago upon the same scale, so far as the resources of the theatres will permit, as they do in New York and Boston. In all the accessories, both of costume, scene and in the general *ensemble*, the production of opera must approximate to perfection. The musical tastes of our people are equally imperious. Worn out voices, thin sopranos, wiry tenors, and broken down bassos are not to be tolerated, nor can the shocking perversions and misrenderings of the scores of past seasons be longer allowed. The impressario who manages opera here in future will do well to consult these conditions, else he will find himself nightly with empty benches and at the end of his season with a lean treasury.

The new troupe under the management of Mr. Grover, which commences a season of three weeks at McVicker's Theatre, on the 2d of January next, we believe will prove an honorable exception to our past experience. It is thoroughly equipped in numbers, comprising three primi donne, two primi sopranos, two secondi donne, a danseuse, one tenor robusto and two light tenors, two bassi, a basso buffo, three baritones, a chorus of seven first soprani, five second soprani, five first tenori, four second tenori, five first bassi and seven second bassi, besides an unusually heavy orchestra. This is the largest and most effective troupe we have ever had here, all things considered. Of the quality of the troupe, it is only necessary to mention Hermanns whose Mephistopheles, and Frederici whose Gretchen in Faust are as truly their own as Meg Merrilies belongs to Charlotte Cushman; Formes, whose Leporello and Bertram are splendid pieces of action, and who is yet great although on the wane; Madame Johannsen, whose vocal powers are already known to Chicago concert-goers of ten years ago; Himmer and Habelman, Lehmann and Graff, all at the head of their profession. There is no more conscientious, faithful and devoted student and lover of music than Carl Anschutz, who is as familiar here in his position of Conductor as Strakosch or Muzio, and superior to either.

The reportoire embraces among the old standard operas: Martha, Faust, the melodious Jewess, the Huguenots, the immortal Don Giovanni, all of which have been performed here; besides the following for the first time in Chicago: Gounod's new opera of Mireille, Der Freischutz, Dame Blanche, Night in Grenada, William Tell, Tannhauser, and the Great Master's "Fidelio." This of course leaves little room for repetition. Mr. Grover has the material and the reportoire for the most successful season of opera ever given in this city, and an appreciative, enthusiastic audience to appeal to. Let him make his appeal properly and it will be answered.

☞ The City Council of Nashville have passed a Resolution of thanks to Gen. Thomas and his army. All loyal men will say amen.

MINES AND MANUFACTURES IN ILLINOIS.

Zinc Manufacture at La Salle.

One of the many conspicuous of the way is the impetus given to our manufactures and mines. The high price of gold and the risks of commerce are turning attention to our vast mineral resources. Our mines of coal, lead, silver, gold, lead and copper are expanding to meet the home demand. While all men are asking "how shall this nation pay its colossal debt," the bounteous Earth, as if sympathizing with our needs, generously unlocks her hoarded wealth to replenish the waste of war.

With the general reawakening of the mining interest new fields are constantly opening to labor and capital. Our zinc fields so long neglected, are at last being turned to account. And this is being done on an extensive scale at La Salle, only ninety miles distant from Chicago, but so silently that it has scarcely excited a remark even from the argus eyed press. The country is indebted to Messrs. Matthieson and Hegehler, two highly intelligent Germans, and graduates of the Mining Academy of Freiberg, for the first successful effort in this direction.

These gentlemen came to America in 1857, and began their experiments at the Lehigh Zinc Works in Pennsylvania, where they produced the first metallic zinc of American make. In 1858 they came West and examined the ores of the Wisconsin lead region, near Mineral Point.

Being satisfied of their superior richness and abundance they looked for fuel and facilities of manufacture and transportation. La Salle, with its extensive coal deposits, building stone and fire-clay seemed to present all these conditions in the highest degree, and they at once decided to make it the location of their works. They erected first a small temporary furnace, and in a quiet and unpretending way commenced a series of experiments with the coal, ore and fire-clays of the West. Many difficulties were encountered, and the old processes had to be varied greatly and new adjustments to be made in the apparatus, each of the enemy's picket boats during a rain storm, and emerged models with which they were familiar in Europe. For nearly five years they continued, overcoming one obstacle after another by their patience and rare combination of scientific knowledge with practical skill. At the end of that period so numerous were their changes in the old system of treating the ores of zinc, that they may justly claim to be the inventors as well as builders of their present furnaces.

Having passed through their trial, they have now established the business of making metallic zinc on a firm basis. Their new works are being built in the most permanent manner, and when completed will rank in the line of the most extensive and perfect in the world. They are located on the Illinois Central Railroad, about one mile south of La Salle, and opposite the Kentucky Coal Mine, from which they obtain fuel.

They consist, first, of a powerful mill, in which the ores and clays are ground; second, an extensive pottery, in which the retorts, pipes and fire-brick used in the furnaces are made; third, of two furnaces already in operation, and a third building in which the coal used is mainly brick and stone, the latter taken from a quarry on the lot of the company, a few rods distant.

The reducing furnaces are about 12 feet by 16 on the ground, and 10 feet high, surmounted by tall chimney stacks. A frame-work of iron bars (open work) is built on the top of which are placed 160 retorts. These retorts are made of fire-clay, and are from three to six feet in length, and six inches to one foot in diameter, according to the place they are to take in the furnace. They are placed horizontally in rows, one above the other, slightly inclining forward, to facilitate the withdrawal of the zinc and the removal of the dross. The interstices between the tubes are filled with fire-clay. The ore after being ground fine at the mines, is ground, mixed with fine coal, and the mixture slightly moistened with water. It is then filled into the retorts with a semi-cylindrical iron scoop, and the fumes, an extensive pottery, in which the retorts, pipes and fire-brick used in the furnaces are made; third, of two furnaces already in operation, and a third building in which the coal used is mainly brick and stone, the latter taken from a quarry on the lot of the company, a few rods distant.

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Telegraph lines are extensively manufactured at the works for their own uses. The ore used is the carbonate and silicate of zinc known to miners under the name of "dry bone." It is obtained in Wisconsin, 150 miles from La Salle, which point it is reported by railroad. It is roasted before transportation and loses 30 per cent of its weight, mostly water and carbonic acid. The large amount of coal required in reducing the ore renders it more profitable to carry it to the coal than to work it on the ground. The Illinois Central Road in a spirit well designed to encourage miners and manufacturers, has given to the company a most liberal contract for carrying ore. In mining for lead vast quantities of this ore have been thrown out. It was long supposed to be a kind of bastard limestone, and was regarded by miners with anything but good will. It was supposed to eat out the lead veins, which in many cases it attended in the same vein and sometimes replaced. In the Wisconsin Geological Reports of 1853 its value was first clearly explained, and a series of very thorough analyses by Dr. Hayes, State Assayer of Massachusetts, was published.

The feasibility of using the ore to make spelter, white oxide and brass was also set forth, and the use of Illinois coal in smelting was recommended. It was also shown that several companies were formed for this object, all of which gave up before any satisfactory results were obtained. To Messrs. Matthieson and Hegehler will forever belong the credit of founding a new branch of American manufacture, and one whose benefits will increase for all time to come.

We have previously imported all our zinc. The largely growing demand for this metal is a very cogent reason why we should make it at home. As for ores exclusively, the world, and are inexhaustible. The plain of the La Salle works contemplates the erection of twelve furnaces capable of being described. These will yield about 100 tons of zinc weekly, and will consume 300 tons of ore and 1,000 tons of coal per week. The metal is now mainly sold in the pig at $300 per ton.

The concern employs about sixty men. A large portion of them are, however, engaged in building the new works. Eugene Welch, Esq., the superintendent, is a young man of fine education and business capacity, a son of the late Minister of Public Instruction of Prussia, and is a graduate of one of the mining schools of Germany. The success of this experiment, began and prosecuted during a season of great business prostration, is a triumphant vindication of the value of scientific education. A man may learn empirically the manual process of mining and metallurgy, but placed in a new field, where the conditions and its applications should go hand in hand, and be taught to every American youth who is to guide or apply the industrial forces to the creation of wealth from the raw material which nature has provided.

Chicago is central to the finest mineral deposits on the globe. To develop them in needed a great host of young men, whose minds have been stored with scientific knowledge, disciplined by practical studies and sharpened by contract with business. There is no representative of the schools of applied science, so numerous in Europe, here. Let Chicago take the initiative for America, and give her citizens, and all her youth, what she is well able to do, *the best polytechnic school of the world.* E. D.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

WALWOOD, a novel by the author of "Easy Nat," &c., Boston: Walwood, Evans & Hogan.

"Walwood" is the title of a new story of life in Georgia, written easily and simply, and bringing out very happily, touches of Southern and Indian character. The book is full of incident, and in this respect engages the attention of the reader to the close. As a holiday present it is apropros, and will serve to while away an evening for the general reader.

Particulars of the Death of Mr. Dayton.

[Correspondence of the N. Y. Herald.]

PARIS, Dec. 2, 1864.

The American community in Paris has been greatly shocked this morning at the report of the sudden death of Hon William L. Dayton, the United States Minister at this court. Mr. Dayton yesterday was in his usual health and spirits, although for a year or more past he has been threatened with and has suffered an apoplectic attack. Last evening, after dinner, he left his house in company with his son, Wm. L. Dayton, Jr., with the intention of going to the Palais Royal theater. Upon reaching the Hotel du Louvre, Mr. Dayton suggested to his son that as he did not feel very well, he thought he would not go to the theater, but would still enjoy the walk. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderpool, who were stopping at the hotel, Young Dayton went to the theater, and Mr. Dayton left to make his call, but upon going up stairs he stopped at the door of an American lady who is staying at the hotel, and telling her he felt unwell, asked her to give him some water. He had down upon the sofa, and upon the lady's returning with the camphor she found Mr. Dayton dead.

The family physician was immediately sent for, and stated the death to have been caused by apoplexy. The body was immediately removed to the residence of his family, and is being to-day embalmed, with the object of its being sent for final interment to America. A private service is to be performed at the Embassy to-morrow, and a public one at the American Chapel on Monday.

Mr. Dayton leaves a wife, three sons—two of them are here and one in the army at home—and a grown up daughter.

Independently of the loss of a valuable and able representative, the death of Mr. Dayton will be severely felt by the American residents in Paris. Since his residence here his hospitable house has been a pleasant gathering place for our countrymen, where his amiable, kind manners, and those of his family, made everybody feel at home and welcome.

GEN. SHERMAN.

His Triumphant March Through Georgia.

DETAILED AND INTERESTING NARRATIVE OF HIS SCOUTS.

Incidents of the March—Destruction of Everything—The Opposition He Encountered.

THE SITUATION AROUND SAVANNAH.

The correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette* furnishes the following interesting details concerning Sherman's march through Georgia:

THE FIRST NEWS FROM SHERMAN.

On Sunday morning, the 11th inst., parties from the fleet commenced receiving heavy canonading in the direction of Savannah, and at Fort Pulaski during the preceding night shells could be seen bursting over or near the town. Early Monday morning the gunboat Flag came steaming up from the south, having on board Captain Duncan, Myron Angell and Geo. Pepper, three of Sherman's scouts, and the first of his couriers reaching our lines since he set out from Atlanta.

Capt. Duncan brought a dispatch from Gen. Howard, dated the 9th inst., on the Savannah Canal; saying: "We have had perfect success, and the army is in fine spirits." The canal referred to is about five miles east of Savannah, running from the Savannah River to the Ogechee River, but it is, so far as business is concerned, an obsolete affair.

Captain Duncan and his companions left Sherman's army at Savannah Canal on the evening of the 9th, with written dispatches from Gen. Sherman and Howard for General Foster. They embarked in a dug-out, and paddled down the Ogechee River, hiding during the day. On Saturday night they floated by Fort Macallister and the enemy's picket boats during a rain storm, and emerged into Ossibaw Sound, where they were discovered and picked up by the Federal gunboat Flag. They passed under the bridge over the Ogechee River on the Gulf Railroad, which was then burning, having probably been fired by the rebels to prevent Sherman's army crossing, not knowing that he had already crossed. The gunboat Flag set sail immediately for Hilton Head, and arrived here with her welcome passengers on the morning of Monday, the 12th inst.

The news of Sherman's safety spread with the wings of the air, and in an hour or two flags fluttered from many buildings on the island, and decked out the numerous shipping in the harbor. Dispatches were sent to Gen. Foster, who is in front of Pocotaligo.

He came down immediately, and soon after, in company with Capt. Duncan and his scouts, embarked on a revenue cutter for Ossibaw Sound, to endeavor to communicate with Gen. Sherman. In the meantime salutes were fired from Fort Pulaski, as a given signal to apprise Sherman that his dispatches had been received.

Capt. Duncan and his *companions du voyage* were dressed in what may be considered the habit of Confederate citizens, and omitting in their make-up a moderate allowance of rents and tatters, to give their garb an air of plausibility. Their eyes glistened for want of sleep, and they ate with gallic velocity. They had not dared venture to shore while journeying down the Ogechee; and they couldn't sleep for eat very well on the gunboat Flag, for it must be remembered they are Western lads, and on salt water for the first time. In a word, they were very sea-sick.

THE ARMY IN GOOD CONDITION.

These scouts report that throughout the march the army moved in four columns, Howard on the right, and Slocum on the left, with cavalry in front and flank. They generally covered a strip of nearly sixty miles in width. For three hundred miles General Sherman has cut through Georgia a swath of army fifty miles wide. It would seem that the "hero turned fugitive" might have been found somewhere in this tract of 10,000 square miles if the search for him had been carried on.

Immediately after leaving Atlanta, the column marching toward Macon devastated the country for miles west of the Macon and Atlanta Railroad in order to retard the progress of Hood, should he attempt to follow in on Sherman's rear.

WHAT OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED.

Not the least significant and cheering fact of the campaign is the little shape of a fight done to the grand rad, or rather occupation, was met. In their haste to fly, bridges over the smaller streams, were in several instances left standing, and in others burned by the terrified out of discretion, and failed to respond to the despairing appeals of Generals and Legislators, to burn over or destroy subsistence. In no place was the road seriously blockaded, and the stores that were burned were fired by the rebel cavalry, and destroyed by the agricultural Georgians as much as the Yankees. The stores were secreted in the swamps to escape both parties. We got nearly all, because the inaccessible swamps was very apt to designate the spot where the coming cavalry nags were to be found. Our troops had a few skirmishes in all the way, but there was no serious fight. Wheeler defeated Kilpatrick at any time, no one in Sherman's army was aware of the fact when our scouts left it.

THE CAPTURE OF MILLEDGEVILLE.

The rebel papers make no mention of the inglorious fact that Milledgeville was surrendered to our scouts two days before the main army reached the town. These scouts were met by Mayor Cooper, at the head of the leading place, only asking that private property should be respected. These triumphant captors, after their informal entree, proceeded to the State House and spent a couple of hours in examining the archives of the State. They found a large number of militia, and our hearts beat high as we reckon up the advantages we have at the very commencement of the siege. First, the garrison is comparatively a large one, and has been hastily organized, mainly from doubtful material. Second, the attack is made from a quarter least expected, and at the weakest point. They do not know what supplies and ammunition they have collected, but can imagine that they are not fully prepared for a siege in those vital requisites.

Sherman's army stretches from the Savannah River to the Ogechee River, west of the city, and there is to be found the firmest ground in the approaches. East and south of the city are rice fields, which, always marshy, are now probably overflown as a means of defense. It is possible that Sherman may find a route around the city by which he can attack the water batteries below Savannah, but is doubtful whether he can maneuver his army to that direction. We have a large fleet of iron clads and gunboats in the Savannah River, which is ready to co-operate from below. It is a significant fact that all the available gunboats in this vicinity have joined the fleet during the last two nights.

The rebels have three iron clads off Savannah, which probably are contributing to the defense of the city.

I do not know what facilities the garrison at Savannah have for bringing the Savannah River to the north side, the country on the north side is mainly occupied by rice-fields, which are about as advantageous for the march of an army with artillery as the Great Dismal Swamp. The garrison must escape in that direction, if at all. East they are restrained by the sea, south and west by Sherman, and the only difficulty of country, and it is possible that Sherman will cut off retreat even there, by passing a force to the north side of the river.

The railroad to Augusta and Macon, and that to Charleston, enter Savannah on the east, and for some miles scarcely leave the city, run on the same track. The town, therefore, cannot be reinforced directly by rail.

But we shall soon have the facts; therefore speculation is unprofitable, though possessing considerable fascination for the lover of brilliant tactics.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

LATE NEWS FROM REBEL SOURCES.

FROM CHARLESTON AND SAVANNAH.

General Sherman and Staff at Hilton Head—Savannah to have been Surrendered on the 17th—Exchange of Prisoners.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 23.—The Charleston *Courier* of the 16th contains the following:

A flag of truce boat brought up, on Thursday, 104 paroled Confederate officers from Fort Pulaski, who report that Sherman and his staff have arrived at Hilton Head. It was also rumored that Savannah was to capitulate on Thursday, the 17th, and that Hardee had left with the rest of the fall of Fort McAllister, but have no particulars.

"Another lot of 1,000 Yankee prisoners will be taken down this morning. This completes the exchange, and makes the number turned over by Col. Hatch 11,000."

The Charleston *Mercury* of the 23d says: *Herald* has additional details of Sherman's grand march through Georgia, and some important particulars regarding his present position before Savannah, and the prospect of its easy surrender.

The city is poorly supplied with provisions, and is therefore in a condition of a considerable surplus population of civilians, besides its garrison of 20,000 or thereabouts. As all sources of supplies are cut off by the Union forces, it is therefore be ultimately starved into submission, even if Hardee does not choose to give it up sooner.

Hardee is reported as recently in Sherman's army that Bragg was moving down with ten thousand men to attack the besiegers in the rear. Should he be foolhardy enough to do so, he will probably be disposed of.

LATEST NEWS FROM REBEL SOURCES.

The Union Raid in South-western Virginia—Defeat and Rout of Breckinridge—Resolutions in the South Carolina Legislature—A Charleston Mercury Says Longstreet Can Hold the Place—Information from Sherman—Hood's Defeat.

NEW YORK, Friday, Dec. 23.—The rebel papers have further reference to the Union raid from Tennessee to Southern Virginia. The Richmond *Examiner* says: It turns out that the Yankee raid was a more serious affair than at first was not violated, so far as could be ascertained.

DAMAGE TO THE RAILROADS.

Our scouts assert that Sherman has completely destroyed the great railroad quadrilateral, of Atlanta, Macon, Augusta and Savannah, are the four corners. The railroad leading east from Atlanta to Augusta is destroyed for over seventy miles, including bridges over the Yellow and contiguous rivers. The railroad running south from Atlanta to Macon, is destroyed for eighty miles. The railroad running south from Macon to Savannah, is destroyed for a distance estimated at from ninety to one hundred miles. The railroad running between Augusta and Savannah, is destroyed from Waynesboro to Savannah, a distance of over eighty miles. The Gulf Railroad has been cut, and Sherman's position, when last heard from, insures both the Charleston and Savannah Railroad.

We learn that this wholesale work of destruction was carried on leisurely, and with an eye to completeness. Every rail was heated and bent; every tie, bridge, water-station, tank, wood-shed, and depot building burned, and every culvert blown up. For miles on the Macon and Savannah, and the Augusta and Savannah Roads, the track is carried entirely away, leaving an extensive trestle-work. This is all burned, and will be very difficult to replace. In all, Sherman has completely destroyed nearly 400 miles of railroad track, and he is nearly a month in doing it. He, we may readily believe that it is well done.

HOW THE ARMY LIVED.

We have the assurance that the army has fared sumptuously off the country, abundant supplies being found on every plantation. Every day details for foraging were made from each regiment, who sallied forth, generally returning in a short time, with wagons laden with poultry, sweet potatoes, corn, bread, bacon, honey, and many *et ceteras*. More cattle, sheep and hogs were driven in than could be used. In such event, like old buffalo hunters, they appropriated only the tongues and tender loins. Superfluous horses or cattle that became temporarily disabled, were shot. This is war according to Sherman.

From our own train issues of coffee and hard bread were made, but seldom anything else.

REBEL PRISONERS.

Up to reaching Savannah our army had collected about 5,000 rebel prisoners, who were brought along.

REBOSES.

The scouts estimate the number of negroes coming along at 6,000, principally men. It is a certain fact that they are very large. Many of them are mounted, the better to forage along the superfluous horses.

ONE DAY'S REST IN SEVEN.

Sherman rested his army from marching on Sundays, though in other days it was rather more active on that day than any other. The average distance marched per day was ten miles.

SHERMAN BESIEGES THE GARRISON.

On Wednesday morning, the 14th instant, Gen. Sherman came down the Ogechee River in a small boat, captured on that stream. He was received on board of the Nimesha, where he was most cordially greeted by Gen. Foster and Admiral Dahlgren. Sherman looked a little rusty, and wore the same drooping, round-top felt hat, which was observable for so long a time on the advance in his march, but he was in buoyant spirits, and laughed and chatted as only a man of his sanguine traits can. He was in attendance to his march was less than he anticipated. The enemy had nibbled a little at his advance guards and foraging parties, but avoided fighting with great perseverance. He roamed the heart of Georgia for a month, his army had lived luxuriantly of the necessities of Lee's and Hood's armies, and he had destroyed railroads beyond repair during the war. All this he had done, without the loss of a thousand men. The whole story of his march could be reminded up in a few words; he had not only accomplished everything he had deemed possible, but many things which were simply possible. Among the latter was the capture of Savannah; now he was certain of the city, with strong hopes of its garrison.

Gen. Sherman remained in consultation with Gen. Foster and Admiral Dahlgren for several hours, during which time, of course, plans for the co-operation of Foster's army and the fleet were arranged. I have it, on the authority of one who heard the remark, that Sherman declared that all the navy in the world could not, unaided, capture Savannah. About 9 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon,

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 23, 1864.

There has been dissatisfaction in the demand for money to-day; but or full one million dollars of currency reached this city last night and this morning, in response to orders given by brokers in New York on Monday, the disappointment of borrowers seems less numerous to-day than for any day during the week; although considerable more are counted in that dilemma. At our bankers expect a steady stream of currency from New York for some time, probably there will be a fair supply for all who are justly entitled to it, although of this there is no positive certainty. It is very difficult to say how many and how large borrowers would take the field, if there seemed an abundance of currency in the market. The markets are weak to-day, with a general depression of prices.

Exchange is less a drug in the market to-day, owing to the receipts of currency from New York. The rates ruling are from ¼ to ¾ per cent buying; The concessions from these rates are not numerous.

Gold has suffered little from discretion to-day and the market has been quiet, with small transactions. The range in New York is little lower than yesterday. The following are the New York quotations telegraphed to James Boyd, bullion broker, 36 Clark street:

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Special Notices.

To Cure Colic Dysentery.

Cholera Infantum, Diarrhœa, Cramps, Pains in the Stomach, Sick Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Flatulency, Chills and Fever, Ague in the Breast, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sudden Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Influenza, Bronchitis, Asthma, Difficult Breathing, Palpitation of the Heart, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Nervous Headache, Nervous Prostration caused by the use of Alcohol, Tobacco, Opium, or Snuff, Nervous Irritability, Fits, Nervous Exhaustion, Seminal Emissions, Sexual Impotency, Premature Old Age, Loss of Memory, Involuntary Discharges, Spermatorrhœa caused by Self-Abuse, Impure Blood, Want of Nerve Force, Want of Self-Confidence, Dizziness, Indigestion, Biliousness, Fever and Ague, Blood Diseases, Female Complaints, Kidney Complaints, Dropsy, Gravel, Diseases of the Urinary Organs, and all Diseases that arise from a Disordered Liver, Stomach or Bowels, or a Low State of the System, such as Loss of Appetite, Paleness, Yellow Skin, Bad Breath, Costiveness, Headache, Pain in the Head, Dizziness, Sour Eructations of the Stomach, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Bilious Attacks, Palpitation of the Heart, Inflammation of the Lungs, Pain in the Region of the Kidneys, and a hundred other painful symptoms, are the offspring of Dyspepsia. One bottle will prove to any person using these Bitters the truth of our statement that a single trial entitles them to pronounce it the most wonderful Restorative Invigorant in the world. No person can take these Bitters according to the directions and remain long unwell, as a few days' use will show that they are the most speedy, certain, and pleasant remedy in the world. Remember that it is not a drinking rum, whisky, or other drunkard's drink, that is destroying the health of so many, but a pure Medicine, made of the Purest and Best Tonics, Aromatics, and Stimulants ever combined, and that it is the only Bitters that does not require the combination of Alcohol to make it permanently popular. Ask druggists and others what they think of Dr. Walker's Vinegar Bitters, and they will tell you that they are the most popular medicine they have ever sold, and that they give more general satisfaction than all other Bitters combined. Ask your neighbors if they are not using Dr. Walker's Vinegar Bitters, and they will tell you that they have been entirely cured by their use, or that they are using them with great benefit, and that they are the best Family Medicine in the world. Ask your physician, minister, or druggist if they do not recommend Dr. Walker's Vinegar Bitters as containing more curative properties than any other Bitters or Medicine now before the public, and they will answer you unhesitatingly, Yes. Ask the reformed drunkard, the reformed tobacco chewer, the reformed opium eater, the reformed snuff dipper, and the reformed user of Cologne, Lavender, Bay Rum, Hair Oils, Dyes, Paints, Rouge, Pearl Powder, Burgundy, Fancy Bitters, Ginger, Peppermint, Wormwood, Anise, Rhubarb, Sarsaparilla, Pain Killer, Callisaya, Quinine, Opium, Morphine, Paregoric, Laudanum, Soothing Syrup, Godfrey's Cordial, Stoughton Bitters, Hostetter's Bitters, Hoofland's Bitters, Drake's Bitters, Tobacco, Snuff,

Chicago Tribune.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1864.

THE CITY.

MONDAY will be Christmas for the boys at the Reform School, all their parents or friends can visit them in the afternoon.

ACCIDENT.—Wilson Dennison, while attempting to cross Market street, yesterday, fell upon the crosswalk, and was run over by a coal wagon not badly injured.

WAS THIS POSSIBLE.—Lieutenant Colonel Arthur, of the 17th Iowa, (Colonel Weaver) with forty-five men and seven officers, passed, through this city yesterday *en route* for Savannah to join Sherman.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.—The ladies who feel an interest in the soldiers of Dee Marcus Hospital, 25th street, are requesting to meet this (Saturday) afternoon, at the hospital. The ladies will do their duty.

WASHINGTON SKATING PARK.—The dancing parties advertised to be held in the upper hall by Mr. D. E. Shaw, are postponed for the present, as the hall is not yet ready for occupancy.

The Park will be open this day and evening, with the best ice ever had in Chicago.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.—There will be a Christmas Eve Service, with appropriate anthems, chants, &c., this, (Saturday) evening, at the "Church of the Ascension," corner of North La Salle and Maple streets, commencing at 7 o'clock. The public are cordially invited to attend.

TO EXPRESS.—See that your names are taken from the enrollment lists before next Saturday. If you cannot serve in the ranks yourselves, do not increase the burden of your neighbors by keeping your name on the list. You owe it to them as a sacred duty, which you may not neglect.

ALIENS.—You will not serve in the ranks if drafted. Take your exemption papers to the office of the Provost Marshal before the close of the year, and get your names struck from the rolls. There is nothing dishonorable in obtaining lawful exemption before the draft, but it is mean to stand and then sneak out after.

PROMOTIONS.—The following promotions have been made by Governor Yates, Lieut. Griffin went from the TRIBUNE office to the war: Second Lieut. Trumbull D. Griffin, First Lieut. Chicago Board of Trade battery, vice Rehlingen, promoted. Sergeant Levi B. Hart, Second Lieut. Chicago Board of Trade battery, vice Griffin, promoted.

HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS.—The managers of the Home for the Friendless intend to make glad the hearts of the little ones at Christmas. Friends are earnestly requested to send in contributions of eatables or toys, to-day if possible—if not, then on Monday.

TABLEAUX.—A rich and varied entertainment will be given by the Despiaine street M. E. Sabbath School, in their church, on Thursday and Tuesday evenings, Dec. 29th and Jan. 3d, consisting of Tableaux, Singing, Recitations and Dialogues. The last evening's entertainment will be one first-class, entitled "Christianity and Columbia." The entertainment commences at 7½ o'clock.

FOR THE ORPHANS.—The leaders of the several Catholic Congregations in this city will hold a Grand Fair in Bryan Hall for the benefit of the Orphans now in the Asylum on Wabash avenue, commencing on next Tuesday, and continuing through the week. The services of the band of the 8th regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps, have been kindly tendered by Col. Sweet, and the band will be in attendance each evening.

OUR QUOTA.—The order has been issued from the War Department to the effect that the quotas of the several sub-districts will be assigned on the basis of the reports made by the enrolling officers on the last day of the present year. The draftable men of Cook county know their duty; it is to see to it that their names are not stricken off—are not struck from the rolls. This must be done before the 31st or not a dollar of bounty will be paid. Take warning; if they neglect their duty they have no right to grumble afterwards.

SALE OF PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS, WRITING DESKS, &c.—We notice that J. W. Middleton & Co., stationers, No. 156 Lake street, are offering at retail, to holiday purchasers the largest and finest stock of Photograph Albums, Rosewood, Mahogany and Morocco Writing Desks, Portfolios, Pocketbooks, and other Memorandas in the city. Their stock of Photograph Albums comprises all sizes of morocco, velvet, pearl and elegantly carved bindings, which are offered at very low rates.

FRAUD.—At ten o'clock on Thursday evening a fire broke out in the cooper shop at 7 Fourth Avenue, owned by Leonard Rothgerber and occupied by several colored families. There was no alarm signaled, though the fire blazed high. Loss $300, fully insured.

At four o'clock yesterday morning a large frame building on Jefferson street, near Van Buren, owned by Dr. J. H. Foster, was burned to the ground. It was occupied by Mr. H. Trearton, Mrs. Morgan, and Douglas & Van Doren, tile cutters. Total loss $5,000.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—John Wright, the Confectioner, at No. 83 South Clark street, "always in order" every day in the year, with lovers of good eating and the sweet and toothsome art, he has made his specialty, has a magnificent stock of holiday goods. The finest Malaga grapes, choice Havana oranges, sugared fruits of endless variety and marvellous richness, with an assortment of candies such as cannot be found elsewhere. With fancy boxes, comets, and every adjunct and appendage to Christmas gifts, Wright will know John Wright, and he is known of the elders.

PRESENTATION GOODS.—Messrs. Giles Bro. & Co., of No. 121 Lake street, have already abundantly demonstrated their wisdom in laying in a superb stock of rich presentation goods. Their trade has been immense, and the premises are thronged with buyers. They have a certain quantity of attraction in their superbly filled show cases of jewelry, and with daily arrivals of fresh goods could keep full. In no former season has more lavishness and elaborateness been manifested in the class of presentation goods offered by this prominent house.

"WILL YOU COME TO MEET MR. DARLING," transcribed for the piano by Emil Rein, is announced in another column, by Root & Cady. This is a charming composition, a credit to Mr. Rein, who has written many excellent pieces for piano, the "Vacant Chair," "Battle Cry of Freedom," "Just Before the Battle," and others of Mr. Root's popular list, are great successes, and should be in the portfolio of every good pianist. Mr. Rein in many musical and new compositions are attracting rich encomiums from Eastern cities, and helping to make our city musically famous.

CHRISTMAS EVE.—Eve another issue of the TRIBUNE is sent forth to the world, Santa Claus will have made his annual round, and filled countless thousands of stockings with bon bons and kindred gifts. We got a peep at his pack yesterday, all I could see was a pile of terrible size, but this year even larger than ever. He whispered to us the names of several boys and girls whom he intended to remember, of a few others who by bad behavior had given him umbrage. But of course it would not do to tell their names. We hope that none of the boys and girls whose parents read the TRIBUNE will be among the bad and negligent ones. May their stockings be filled to overflowing, and their Christmas trees to-night rain down gifts in abundance.

FUNS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—Our readers who design procuring for themselves, or presenting to their friends during the holidays, anything truly elegant and valuable, cannot do better than invest a few dollars in some article of fur goods, as the best manner of combining beauty with comfort and durability. Parties wishing to purchase anything in this line are invited to visit the well known establishment of Lasak & Morris, at 197 Randolph street. This firm is a branch of the celebrated house of F. W. Lasak Sons, at 580 Broadway, New York—a fact that embodies one of the strongest recommendations for the Chicago house. An experience of thirty-five years in the fur business has given them facilities unsurpassed by any entire firm.

Messrs. Lasak & Morris have now on hand one of the most complete stocks of furs and fur goods ever offered in the west. Ladies' muffs, victorines, backskin goods, &c., all of which they sell at reasonable prices.

TOY BOOKS AND ALBUMS.—Messrs. Bamford & Baldwin, Nos. 121 to 127 Monroe street, have just received a large and complete assortment of Toy Books and Albums for holiday gifts. When we consider the extraordinarily low prices at which they are offered, we cannot withhold the advice to drop in and examine the stock. They are an old established house, and the proprietors have won an enviable reputation as business men. No holiday gift can be more appropriate than one in the line of goods offered by this firm. There is no finer ornament for the parlor table than a well filled album. We need not comment upon the silent influence of a neatly printed Toy Book. Messrs. Bamford & Baldwin have also on hand a large and well selected almost inexhaustible stock of books. Nearly every gem of literature can be found at their establishment. The contents of their store will well repay any attentive investigation, and their prices are as low as those of any bookstore in the city.

TRIUMPH OIL COMPANY.—The first great discovery of the nineteenth century was the discovery of gold in California, and the second was that of oil in Pennsylvania. In a financial point of view, both have produced revolutions, by which thousands who were formerly poor are now rich. Recently, the speculation in oil stocks has become a mania, and among the numerous companies now in the market there are many whose representations are doubtful.

In another column will be found an advertisement containing the prospectus of the "Triumph Oil Company of Pittsburgh, Pa." which has a genuine ring, and to us, who have not the honor of capital readers. As will be seen by a careful perusal of the prospectus, the company have spared no trouble in exhibiting the true merits of the oil they propose to transact their business. The capital stock of the company is $500,000, of which $200,000 is reserved for working capital, by means of which their valuable lands will be fully developed. The land aggregates between 300 and 400 acres, more than one-half of which is held in fee simple—all to lay strung with the best oil-producing territory, and now yielding a dividend of *two per cent per month*. Investments in this stock cannot prove other than remunerative, and the probability is that it will rank as one of the safest and most reliable oil companies in the market. We call attention to the advertisement in a smaller column, where full particulars may be found.

ON CONSIGNMENT.—A fine stock of shawls was unanimously given to Miss Sayers for the efficient manner in which she discharged the duties of Secretary during the absence of her mother.

THE DRAFT.—The following is extracted from a circular issued by the Assistant Provost Marshal General of Illinois under date of the 20th to the Provost Marshals of the several districts:

"The quotas for the different sub-districts in your district, under the call of the President of December 19, for three hundred thousand men, (300,000) men, will be based upon the revised enrollment for the current year.

"The next draft will be by wards, towns, precincts, etc., as contemplated by law, and will be made promptly at the time fixed by the proclamation.

"By timely and earnest action the draft can be made light, or avoided in most localities altogether; but by carelessness or indifference will be heavy.

"The inducements to enlist in the First Army Corps are more important, and to citizens of every locality more valuable than they could open to them in the event of a draft. The seventy thousand additional veterans to be added to the present army will avail themselves of the large bounties offered by the Government to recruits for that corps."

CHRISTMAS EVE AT BURGESS'.—The Bridgeport Sunday School will give a Christmas entertainment on Saturday—Christmas eve—at 7 o'clock. The entertainment will consist, in music, in exhibition of scripture scenes—a Christmas tree, &c. A Christmas offering by the children of the school will be an interesting part of the exercises. All are invited.

CIRCUIT COURT.—Judge Drummond, yesterday, delivered an important decision relative to the validity of corporation bonds.

It appears that the county of Rock Island, some time since, issued its bonds to the Warsaw and Rock Island Railroad Company. These bonds passed into the custody of the State Bank of Missouri, Conn. Payment being refused, the bank, last June, obtained a judgment against the Board of Supervisors of the county. Subsequently the bonds were declared illegal by the Supreme Court of the State, and the Board refused to pay the judgment. The bank then brought suit in the Circuit Court of the United States, and obtained a judgment, which was affirmed by the Supreme Court, yesterday, ordering a peremptory mandamus requiring a tax to be levied and collected.

THE MINER TRIAL.—The arrest of the Kalamazoo of this city is attracting much attention. On the corner of the highly prosperous house of Root & Cady, who are to take possession, on completion, of one of the noble stores in the Opera House Block. Take the instance of two of their issues of popular music, and the wide spread demand they have sold of "Just Before the Battle," SEVENTEEN THOUSAND copies; of "Just After the Battle," since April, 40,000 copies. Their great national war song, "The Battle Cry of Freedom," and the Rallying of America, has sold over 60,000 of nearly one hundred thousand. Their full and busy packing-room tells the story of an immensely prosperous business. As the agents of the beautiful Mason & Hamlin cabinet organ, they are kept always behind the demand. Of the sale of the number of those instruments passing through their hands speaking well for esthetic culture in the West. "They" are also agents for the Bradbury piano, which, like good wine, needs no bush, for the lovers of music find it out and keep the attractive piano room of the firm continually sold down to a moderate number, not to sell however, that they are not always ready to fill all orders and maintain the reputation they have earned for promptness and enterprise. Practical musicians both, and all their interviews the stock they have reached in their six years of business.

SWORD PRESENTATION—INVASION OF CAMP DOUGLAS.—Yesterday afternoon while quietly seated in his sanctum at Camp Douglas, the Commandant, Colonel Sweet, was surprised by a small party of well known citizens of Chicago, who before he could recover from his astonishment, made him the recipient of a magnificent sword and accompaniments. The presentation was made by A. G. Coventry, Esq., who in a few brief remarks expressed to the gallant Colonel the respect which a community felt for his able conduct, especially presenting the weapon on behalf of the many who have watched with approval the Colonel's course of action both upon the battle field and more especially as Commandant of Camp Douglas. In the course of his remarks Mr. Coventry stated that a Government sword had been included in the equipments; in consideration of the time when the recipient would be required to use it.

Col. Sweet appropriately responded, answering his friends that he fully appreciated their munificence.

The sword is a splendid work of art. The blade is of Damascus steel, engraved with elegant devices and tracery. The hilt especially, is an object of study, consisting primarily of an allegorically carved female figure, supported by the national arms, and beautiful tracery work. There are two scabbards, one splendidly constructed of solid silver, ornamented with gold chains, devices, and handsome engravings cut in the plate of the silver. Among them are three figures over the Goddess of Liberty, and underneath the inscription. Upon this scabbard is engraved the following inscription:

"Presented to
COL. R. J. SWEET,
By his many friends, as a token of their esteem for services rendered to their flag, and as Military Commandant of the Post."

"Chicago, Nov. 20th, 1864."

The other equipments consist of an elegant steel service scabbard, a Colonel's, and also a General's belt, a sword knot, and a splendid crimson silk sash.

We are glad to see that the energetic actions of the Colonel are appreciated.

NEW YEAR'S GIFT CAMP LIBRARIES.—The United States Christian Commission, in response to numerous and earnest appeals from surgeons, chaplains, and field officers, will receive, forward, and place under the care of proper librarians, *one thousand four hundred and forty Camp and Gunboat Libraries* of one hundred and fifty volumes each—if the friends of our soldiers and sailors will forward them to the rooms of the Army and Navy Branch, obtained a balcony on the front of the Central Office, during the holidays. It is but a small matter for any one desiring to make a present for friends at home, to buy a handsome and pleasant book for his friends in camp or hospital, write his name in the front leaf, and leave it with a clerk in the Commission. It will be a positive pleasure to hundreds of wives and mothers to take down the old volumes which their boys have read and send them thus where their loved ones can enjoy the pleasure of reading before the Sabbath hour but the best; our soldiers deserve the best. The standard essayist, histories, biography, travels, selected religious narratives, standard works of fiction, whatever in short you would put into the chamber of your own brother, contained with a broken limb, will be sent to wards of the religious works. Forward the parcel, marked *Camp Library*, to any of the Branches of the Christian Commission, or to

GEORGE H. STUART,
Chairman Executive Committee,
11 Bank street, Philadelphia.

HOLIDAY GIFT.—From a father to a daughter, a brother to a sister, a husband to his young wife, there is no better gift than the well-chosen, finetoned piano. The success of Reed's Temple of Music, in Reed's Block, Lake building, on the corner of Randolph and Dearborn streets, is based upon the fact that he keeps a variety of the best *New York* and Boston instruments, to suit every taste and purse, from the magnificent Chickering grand, worthy the touch of an Empress, to the plainer yet sweet-voiced piano of lesser price but worthy of any parlor and within the reach of many purses. When Gottschalk, Thalberg and Satter suffer in giving the Chickering pre-eminence over all others, there remains little to be said until a new race of masters spring up.

FAIR OF THE FENIAN BROTHERHOOD.—This fair is a local matter, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the purchase of arms for the Fenians. The exhibition is a very creditable one, comprising a very fine assortment of articles. Indeed, the enterprise has already achieved a success which cannot fail to inhere to its close.

The upper Fenian hall is divided into hall and refreshment rooms. The former is very neatly decorated, and the Union Jack presides with their accustomed affability. It is to be regretted that valuable articles have been purloined from the stands. A beautiful vase was stolen on Thursday, and a gold bracelet was last evening mysteriously abstracted.

U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.—Rev. R. Patterson, D. D., just returned from the Shenandoah, and recently from the canvass of California and Oregon, and B. F. Jacobs just returned from Nashville, will address a meeting to-morrow (Sunday) evening, in Smith & Nixon's Hall. Mr. J. spent three weeks with Thomas' army, and in the hospitals of Nashville, four days and nights of which he spent on the battle field. Let all attend who would hear of our brave boys.

☞ **Christmas or New Year's Presents**—SHIELDS OF ALL IRON WORKING MACHINE, a valuable and appropriate testimonial of

A Father to his Daughter;
A Mother to her Son;
A Husband to his Wife;
A Brother to his Sister.

This gift is practicable and will be a life-time. An annual dividend of 100 to 500 per cent (on its cost) may be obtained in use by its possessor.

Geo. L. Chittenden & Son, General Agents for Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and North Indiana, 106 Lake street. dec14-1926-40 jal

Holiday Goods—THE NOISELESS WILSON & CO'S FAMILY MACHINE is the only one which uses the ROTATING HOOK without a "*Drush*," "*Oscillator*" or "*Vibrator*." It has taken THIRTY-FIVE FIRST PREMIUMS THIS SEASON. It can be used a life-time without getting out of order or being apart for cleaning or oiling. L. CONNER & Co.,
dec6.A674-19t-TTAS 139 Lake street.

☞ **Valuable Medical Advice.**—Those who are suffering from Nervous Debility, and who wish to be treated successfully and confidentially, cannot do better than consult Dr. Bigelow, at his office, No. 179 South Clark street, on the corner of Monroe. See his advertisement in another column of our paper. dec24-2109-1t

☞ Diseases of the Nervous, Seminal, Urinary and Sexual Systems, Hong Kong Hospital—Sent by mail in sealed letter envelopes free of charge. Address Dr. J. SKILLON HOWARD, Howard Association, No. 3 South Ninth street, Philadelphia, Pa. oct4-197-3m

☞ **An Old Remedy and a Sure Cure.**—We ask no more of any one than to give Jayne's Expectorant a fair trial to prove that it will cure the various diseases for which it is recommended. It has, it will and can cure Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Bleeding of the Lungs, Whooping Cough, Croup, and a very large majority of the most hopeless cases of Consumption, where all other remedies fail to give relief. Sold by all druggists everywhere. dec20-2092-TUTH,SA

☞ **Coughs and Colds,** sudden changes of climate are apt to produce Pulmonary Complaints, Asthmatic affections. Experience having proved that simple remedies act speedily and certainly when taken in the early stages of the disease, recourse should at once be had to "Brown's Bronchial Troches, or Lozenges." Few are aware of the importance of checking a cough, or "common cold," in its first stage. That which in the beginning is only a slight irritation of the lungs, if neglected, soon attacks the Bronchial membrane, ending frequently in Consumption. Brown's Bronchial Troches, or Cough Lozenges, allay irritation which induces coughing, hence their unparalleled influence on the affected parts. As there are imitations, be sure to call for "Brown's Troches." Sold by all dealers in Medicine, at 35 cents a box.
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Railroad Time Table.

CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN—DEPOT COR. WEST WATER AND KINZIE STS.

	Depart.	Arrive.
Day Express	9:00 a. m.	6:45 p. m.
Night Express	4:30 p. m.	8:00 a. m.
Janesville Accommodat'n	6:15 p. m.	9:25 a. m.
Woodstock Accom.	5:30 p. m.	10:30 a. m.

GALENA DIVISION.

Fulton and Cedar Rapids	8:15 a. m.	7:50 p. m.
Fulton and Iowa	4:00 p. m.	9:00 a. m.
Freeport and Dunleith	9:00 a. m.	3:30 p. m.
Freeport and Dunleith	9:15 p. m.	7:30 a. m.
Rockford and Fox River	4:00 p. m.	11:10 a. m.
Dixon	4:00 p. m.	11:10 a. m.
Geneva	4:30 p. m.	9:40 a. m.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL.

Detroit Express	8:00 a. m.	8:00 a. m.
Detroit Express	10:30 p. m.	11:30 p. m.
Detroit Express	12:30 p. m.	12:30 p. m.

(Trains for Cincinnati and Louisville.)

Morning Express	8:00 a. m.	8:00 a. m.
Night Express	12:30 p. m.	12:30 p. m.

MICHIGAN SOUTHERN—DEPOT COREN VAN BUREN AND SHERMAN STREETS.

Day Express	9:00 a. m.	11:00 p. m.
Evening Express	12:30 p. m.	12:00 a. m.
Night Express	4:30 p. m.	12:30 p. m.

DETROIT TRAINS.

Express, via Adrian	8:00 a. m.	12:30 p. m.
Night Express, via Adrian	4:30 p. m.	11:00 p. m.

PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO.

Mail and Accom'dation	8:30 a. m.	9:10 p. m.
Day Express	12:00 m.	11:30 p. m.
Evening Express, daily	5:30 p. m.	12:30 p. m.
Night Express, daily	10:00 p. m.	12:30 p. m.
Cin. & Louisville Exp.	10:00 a. m.	11:00 p. m.

(*Connecting with Pennsylvania Central R. R.*)
Every route is frivolous. Cases will no longer be paid by the government.

ESCAPED.—News has just arrived in this city of the successful escape from a Texan prison, of Lieut. B. W. Loring, commanding the gunboat "Ware," captured at Calcasieu on May 8th; and Lieut. Col. Story, of Longsport, Ind. They were twenty-five days on the road to near New Orleans, a distance of 450 miles, few day beyond the most calculable suffering and privation, reaching a gunboat there on the 8th of December. Lieut. Loring was the Executive Officer on board the Ware when captured, and fired the gun that blew up Fort Monroe.

DRAFT MEETINGS.—A meeting was held last evening, in the 16th Ward, Alonzo Starr in the chair. Alderman J. J. O'Sullivan spoke of the proper action of the Ward, and urged the necessity of exertion now. The meeting adjourned till Thursday evening next.

The Twelfth Ward Draft Committee is hard at work to redress the enrollment and raise funds for the enlistment of volunteers.

ACCIDENT.—On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Hiscock, the wife of a saloon keeper on Madison street, near Clinton, slipped on the Madison street sidewalk, and was badly bruised on the face, arms, and other injuries. Is there not a law somewhere or other on our municipal statute book, requiring householders to clear their side walks?

REV. J. C. WEBSTER, a brother of Gen. J. D. Webster, of this city, has recently been dismissed by a Council of Churches, from a pastorate of twenty-six years in the Congregational Church of Hopkinton, Mass., in order to accept the appointment of Professor of Rhetoric, in Wheaton College.

FREEDMEN'S FAIR.

Continued Success—Details—List of Donations—Presentations this Evening.

The Fair for the Freedmen still continues to call to the public. The receipts yesterday were even greater than on the preceding day. Sergeants were the original donations that we notice but new features, and articles are stricken from the rolls. This must be done before the 31st or not a dollar of bounty will be paid. Take warning; if they neglect their duty they have no right to grumble afterwards.

LETTERS.

The Executive Committee were, yesterday, the recipients of a number of letters from officers of Freedmen's aid societies in the field. They all replete with details of the suffering existing among the refugees in their vicinity, and the proceeds of the Fair will prove a peaceful answer to her questions.

MILLINERY.

Our city milliners have generally responded to the appeals of the Fair Committee. Some of the most elegant hats ever on sale here have been donated.

AN ELEGANT FRUIT BASKET.

MRS. N. B. Judd, the wife of our Prussian minister, has contributed an elegant fruit basket. It is simply a dinner plate encased in a novel frame-work resembling in form a grape vine. The first offer made for the basket was $250.

METROPOLITAN HALL.

A large and appreciative audience gathered at Metropolitan Hall last evening, where they were entertained with tableaux and music. The exercises were highly creditable to the participants. The Veteran Reserve Corps Bands have rendered themselves indispensable to all loyal gatherings.

THE RECEIPTS.

The receipts for meals and entrance tickets average about $400 per day. No opinion can yet be formed relative to the net proceeds of the enterprise.

LIST OF DONATIONS.

We append a list of the donations yesterday received:

Geneseo, Illinois, by Chas. Perry, $261.85; proceeds of a New Year's supper at the Fair, held by the ladies of that place for the benefit of the Freedmen's Fair: Miss Woods, De Pape county, Individual donation of eatables, $10; Mrs. Mitchell, Illinois, by Rev. Wm. Carter, $5; Individual, by D. L. Dwight, $5; Ulica, New York, by Mrs. G. C. Bragdon, $5; Albion, Michigan, by Mrs. Dr. Comstock: Dotriott, from Colored Ladies' Relief and Educational Society, $20; Individual, by Mr. Nixon, (of the firm of Smith & Nixon) $20; From the employes of the Chicago Lead and Oil Works, by Rev. W. Page, $181; Mr. Thomas, $10; Mrs. Richardson, $1; Mrs. Murphy, 50 cents, Donations of dry goods, &c., Toledo, Ohio—From the ladies of the Church of the Redeemer, by Mrs. Theodore Tilton, Esq., Miss Anna Dickinson, and Mrs. Major General Sherman will participate. The Shields will be the most interesting of the season. Everybody should go.

Go to the parlors to-day for the repeal of the Black Laws of Illinois.

Take dinner in Bryan Hall to-day.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.—The next Philharmonic Concert will take place on Metropolitan Hall on account of the impossibility of obtaining the Opera House, on Wednesday evening next. The programme laid out for this concert is one of the very best of the whole Philharmonic series. The gem of the evening will be Beethoven's symphony "Eroica," the fourth one of the grandest and most sublime of all his productions; a *duo concertante* from Kalliwoda for violin and violoncello, (instrument; the splendid overture to Wagner's Rienzi, a symphonical arrangement from the fugues by Bakeka. A new orchestral piece to make her debut upon this occasion, Mlle. Maria de Rhode, of Cincinnati. She was a pupil of Mme. Colson, at Paris, and like her distinguished companion enjoyed the honor of admission to the Conservatory of Paris, of which she was awarded a prize, combination of youth, beauty and talent. Her voice is a rare and brilliant soprano of fine timbre, and excellent quality throughout the entire register. Without presuming to anticipate a triumph of attraction, vocal and instrumental, we look for a rare musical treat.

MUSEUM.—Bowles' favorite play of the Love Chase will be given by the best talents of the company this afternoon, and the Merry Wives of Windsor in the evening.

VARIETIES.—Mlle. Reignoli took a benefit at the Varieties last evening, and filled the house. This evening she will make his last appearance.

CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS.—The simon pure Christy's Minstrels, not Dan Carlyle and the other, with the unalloyed George Christy at the head, will open a season at the Metropolitan Hall on Monday next. Their programme will be full of novelties, and their entertainment unique and characteristic.

GREAT RETAIL CLOTHING HOUSE.—O. T. Belding & Co., Nos. 98, 100 and, 102 Randolph street, who have for several years past enjoyed the envia-ble reputation of having the largest and most fashionable stocks of goods and ready-made clothing for men, youths, and boys ever offered in the West, announce a closing up through and after the holidays of their entire stock of overcoats, dress suits, business suits, youth's and boys' suits, and a magnificent stock of gentlemen's furnishing goods. Also rich dressing robes, giving a most advantageous opportunity to all who are desirous of making their friends a handsome and appropriate holiday present.

The well known reputation of this firm for candor and fair dealing, joined to the fact that their facilities are second to none in the city for manufacturing goods at the lowest possible cost, is a guarantee that those honoring them with a call will consult their own interests. The most favorable opportunity is here given to make selections, and the very best goods given at the lowest prices. A careful examination of their stock before purchasing elsewhere can do no harm, and is all that is asked for.

BOARD OF POLICE.—The Board of Police Commissioners met yesterday. Present Commissioners Wentworth and Brown, and Mayor Sherman.

On motion of the Mayor, Commissioner Brown was called to the chair. The names of a number of police officers were reported as inefficient and ordered dropped from the rolls.

On motion of Commissioner Wentworth it was ordered that all officers and men make a return to the Board of all presents in money and other emoluments received from the public during the municipal year, that the Board may make such disposition thereof as it deems proper.

Commissioner Wentworth presented a proposed amendment to the City Charter, providing for the more summary disbursement of pending bonds, which were endorsed by the Board, and referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Charter.

Adjourned.

SOLDIERS' HOME AND REST.—The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home and Rest was held yesterday afternoon, the Vice-President, Mrs. Dickenson, in the chair. Mrs. Wm. Evans, Secretary, pro tem.

The committee from the Rest reported 664 arrivals during the week, and $100 received. In addition to these, 86 meals were served in the sick room.

Mrs. Cushing reported a donation of $10 and five pairs of socks from Mrs. M. Talcott, one jar jelly from Mrs. Wright, and a basket of chickens, turkeys, and six barrels of vegetables from Portland.

Mrs. Dr. Hosmill, Miss Blake, Mrs. Ingalls and Mrs. Ramsey were appointed the Rest Committee for the ensuing week.

On motion of Mrs. Dr. Hamill, a vote of thanks was unanimously given to Miss Sayers for the efficient manner in which she discharged the duties of Secretary during the absence of her mother.

THE DRAFT.—The following is extracted from a circular issued by the Assistant Provost Marshal General of Illinois under date of the 20th to the Provost Marshals of the several districts:

"The quotas for the different sub-districts in your district, under the call of the President of December 19, for three hundred thousand men, (300,000) men, will be based upon the revised enrollment for the current year.

"The next draft will be by wards, towns, precincts, etc., as contemplated by law, and will be made promptly at the time fixed by the proclamation.

"By timely and earnest action the draft can be made light, or avoided in most localities altogether; but by carelessness or indifference will be heavy.

"The inducements to enlist in the First Army Corps are more important, and to citizens of every locality more valuable than they could open to them in the event of a draft. The seventy thousand additional veterans to be added to the present army will avail themselves of the large bounties offered by the Government to recruits for that corps."

CHRISTMAS EVE AT BURGESS'.—The Bridgeport Sunday School will give a Christmas entertainment on Saturday—Christmas eve—at 7 o'clock. The entertainment will consist, in music, in exhibition of scripture scenes—a Christmas tree, &c. A Christmas offering by the children of the school will be an interesting part of the exercises. All are invited.

CIRCUIT COURT.—Judge Drummond, yesterday, delivered an important decision relative to the validity of corporation bonds.

It appears that the county of Rock Island, some time since, issued its bonds to the Warsaw and Rock Island Railroad Company. These bonds passed into the custody of the State Bank of Missouri, Conn. Payment being refused, the bank, last June, obtained a judgment against the Board of Supervisors of the county. Subsequently the bonds were declared illegal by the Supreme Court of the State, and the Board refused to pay the judgment. The bank then brought suit in the Circuit Court of the United States, and obtained a judgment, which was affirmed by the Supreme Court, yesterday, ordering a peremptory mandamus requiring a tax to be levied and collected.

THE MINER TRIAL.—The arrest of the Kalamazoo of this city is attracting much attention. On the corner of the highly prosperous house of Root & Cady, who are to take possession, on completion, of one of the noble stores in the Opera House Block. Take the instance of two of their issues of popular music, and the wide spread demand they have sold of "Just Before the Battle," SEVENTEEN THOUSAND copies; of "Just After the Battle," since April, 40,000 copies. Their great national war song, "The Battle Cry of Freedom," and the Rallying of America, has sold over 60,000 of nearly one hundred thousand. Their full and busy packing-room tells the story of an immensely prosperous business. As the agents of the beautiful Mason & Hamlin cabinet organ, they are kept always behind the demand. Of the sale of the number of those instruments passing through their hands speaking well for esthetic culture in the West. "They" are also agents for the Bradbury piano, which, like good wine, needs no bush, for the lovers of music find it out and keep the attractive piano room of the firm continually sold down to a moderate number, not to sell however, that they are not always ready to fill all orders and maintain the reputation they have earned for promptness and enterprise. Practical musicians both, and all their interviews the stock they have reached in their six years of business.

SWORD PRESENTATION—INVASION OF CAMP DOUGLAS.—Yesterday afternoon while quietly seated in his sanctum at Camp Douglas, the Commandant, Colonel Sweet, was surprised by a small party of well known citizens of Chicago, who before he could recover from his astonishment, made him the recipient of a magnificent sword and accompaniments. The presentation was made by A. G. Coventry, Esq., who in a few brief remarks expressed to the gallant Colonel the respect which a community felt for his able conduct, especially presenting the weapon on behalf of the many who have watched with approval the Colonel's course of action both upon the battle field and more especially as Commandant of Camp Douglas. In the course of his remarks Mr. Coventry stated that a Government sword had been included in the equipments; in consideration of the time when the recipient would be required to use it.

Col. Sweet appropriately responded, answering his friends that he fully appreciated their munificence.

The sword is a splendid work of art. The blade is of Damascus steel, engraved with elegant devices and tracery. The hilt especially, is an object of study, consisting primarily of an allegorically carved female figure, supported by the national arms, and beautiful tracery work. There are two scabbards, one splendidly constructed of solid silver, ornamented with gold chains, devices, and handsome engravings cut in the plate of the silver. Among them are three figures over the Goddess of Liberty, and underneath the inscription. Upon this scabbard is engraved the following inscription:

"Presented to
COL. R. J. SWEET,
By his many friends, as a token of their esteem for services rendered to their flag, and as Military Commandant of the Post."

"Chicago, Nov. 20th, 1864."

The other equipments consist of an elegant steel service scabbard, a Colonel's, and also a General's belt, a sword knot, and a splendid crimson silk sash.

We are glad to see that the energetic actions of the Colonel are appreciated.

NEW YEAR'S GIFT CAMP LIBRARIES.—The United States Christian Commission, in response to numerous and earnest appeals from surgeons, chaplains, and field officers, will receive, forward, and place under the care of proper librarians, *one thousand four hundred and forty Camp and Gunboat Libraries* of one hundred and fifty volumes each—if the friends of our soldiers and sailors will forward them to the rooms of the Army and Navy Branch, Central Office, during the holidays. It is but a small matter for any one desiring to make a present for friends at home, to buy a handsome and pleasant book for his friends in camp or hospital, write his name in the front leaf, and leave it with a clerk in the Commission. It will be a positive pleasure to hundreds of wives and mothers to take down the old volumes which their boys have read and send them thus where their loved ones can enjoy the pleasure of reading before the Sabbath hour but the best; our soldiers deserve the best. The standard essayist, histories, biography, travels, selected religious narratives, standard works of fiction, whatever in short you would put into the chamber of your own brother, contained with a broken limb, will be sent to wards of the religious works. Forward the parcel, marked *Camp Library*, to any of the Branches of the Christian Commission, or to

GEORGE H. STUART,
Chairman Executive Committee,
11 Bank street, Philadelphia.

HOLIDAY GIFT.—From a father to a daughter, a brother to a sister, a husband to his young wife, there is no better gift than the well-chosen, finetoned piano. The success of Reed's Temple of Music, in Reed's Block, Lake building, on the corner of Randolph and Dearborn streets, is based upon the fact that he keeps a variety of the best *New York* and Boston instruments, to suit every taste and purse, from the magnificent Chickering grand, worthy the touch of an Empress, to the plainer yet sweet-voiced piano of lesser price but worthy of any parlor and within the reach of many purses. When Gottschalk, Thalberg and Satter suffer in giving the Chickering pre-eminence over all others, there remains little to be said until a new race of masters spring up.

FAIR OF THE FENIAN BROTHERHOOD.—This fair is a local matter, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the purchase of arms for the Fenians. The exhibition is a very creditable one, comprising a very fine assortment of articles. Indeed, the enterprise has already achieved a success which cannot fail to inhere to its close.

The upper Fenian hall is divided into hall and refreshment rooms. The former is very neatly decorated, and the Union Jack presides with their accustomed affability. It is to be regretted that valuable articles have been purloined from the stands. A beautiful vase was stolen on Thursday, and a gold bracelet was last evening mysteriously abstracted.

U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.—Rev. R. Patterson, D. D., just returned from the Shenandoah, and recently from the canvass of California and Oregon, and B. F. Jacobs just returned from Nashville, will address a meeting to-morrow (Sunday) evening, in Smith & Nixon's Hall. Mr. J. spent three weeks with Thomas' army, and in the hospitals of Nashville, four days and nights of which he spent on the battle field. Let all attend who would hear of our brave boys.

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